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IN RE APPLICATION OF

BLANK ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/701,698

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FOR: CONNECTOR DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

Applicants wish the examiner to note that reference "BM" was cited on the U.K. Search Report reference "BT".

Copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

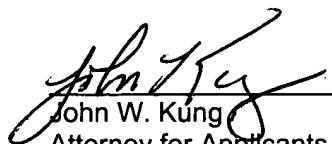
Applicants believe this paper is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, and so under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) no fees are required.

If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

Respectfully submitted,

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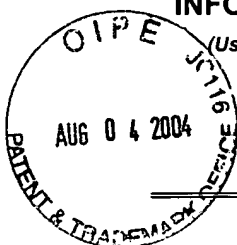
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| | BR | Compat-Universal set, Sandoz Nutrition |
| | BS | Tubulures pour pompas à nutrition, Fresenius Vial (a company of Fresenius HemoCare). |
| | BT | United Kingdom Search Report |

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